

Oregon OSHA
Construction Advisory Committee
Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Meeting minutes

Attendees:

Barry Moreland	Jacquie Strand	Peggy Munsell
Bill White	Linda Rabe	Ron Haverkost
David Davidson	Marilyn Schuster	Tony Howard
Dave Parsons	Pat Darby	Mark Hopkins

Call to Order 9:08 a.m.

Introductions

Review minutes:

Barry Moreland motioned to accept the meeting minutes for May 2008 as written. The motion was seconded and passed without objection.

Posted Construction Advisory Committee minutes can be found at:
http://www.cbs.state.or.us/external/osh/standards/const_advise.html

➤ **Status of current rule review- Peggy Munsell**

- Peggy gave an overview of rulemaking activity:

Safety Committee final Rule status – meet with stakeholders; discussions around centralized safety committees, who can have a centralized committee, and what requirements must be met.

Fixed Site Scheduling rulemaking activity –Stakeholder meetings scheduled for July 7 & 14

Confined Space – meeting with advisory committee on June 25th.

Silica - Final rule signed and becomes effective July 1, 2008

PPE – Final and Fact Sheet is being distributed

Compressed gas- Nothing new to report

➤ **Health & Safety Issues (global/current)**

Permanent anchor- Tony Barsotti/Ron Haverkost

No report

➤ **Health & Safety Issues (global/current) – Con't**

Rubber Gloves Testing – Barry Moreland/Ron Haverkost

No report- well kind of.

Discussion: The committee discussed why the original rules were written with two different requirements in the rules. Barry emphasized the need for uniformity in the two divisions that reference rubber glove testing. There was a discussion about Oregon going to a 12-month requirement, which Marilyn Schuster said, would not be seen as effective by Federal OSHA. Barry committed to do some background work and bring a report back to this committee in July. The committee discussed the need to be consistent. The overwhelming consensus was to make the same testing requirements for all industries that use the same equipment.

➤ **Lessons Learned**

Barry Moreland shared a scenario where multiple contractors had jobs going on a site at the same time. The electrical contractor came in after hours to avoid causing work disruption issues for the other contractors. He did not lock out because no one else was working. Unplanned, one of the other contractors showed up, started the crane which nearly hit him in his lift.

Pat Darby talked about a situation the City of Portland had on a tunnel job. There was a pipe connection that was faulty and the backpressure that happened at the faulty connection resulted in a worker being seriously injured.

➤ **Open Forum**

-Dave Parson's announced the up-coming CROET seminar and that there is still room available for those interested.

-Peggy Munsell provided the group with a copy of the Resource Newsletter and a copy of the Portable Ladders publication, there was an update to this publication.

-Pat Darby raised his continuing concern with the safety of quick couplers. Prior to the meeting Pat and Ron exchanged e-mails regarding what Oregon OSHA is doing to put a focus on the quick coupler. Oregon OSHA had a presentation at the last all staff meeting in December 2008 on a quick coupler system regarding a fatality investigation. The Resource Newsletter also highlighted the coupler incident. Members discussed the different manufacturers coupling systems and a need for a safety system that won't allow the equipment to operate if the safety pin is not in place.

-Tony Howard asked the committee if there was interest in getting some information regarding power fasteners. Dave Parsons talked about Cal-OSHA being in the process of gathering information on that very subject and that we should come back to this topic in six months to see what Cal OSHA has come up with. Jaquie Strand suggested partnering with David Davidson on the power fastener topic.

-Marilyn Schuster talked about a recent meeting she attended with PUC. The discussion was over-head line safety and construction. PUC has hired an intern to focus on over-head lines safety and construction of structures near high voltage lines.

Barry Moreland mentioned an up coming arch flash workshop. This workshop is scheduled on June 17, 2008 to hear public comment on the new PUC regulation and if there is an industry need to change the effective date of January 9, 2009. PUC adopted the 2007 National Electric Safety Code (NESC), 410(A)(3) and 420(I)(2). These rules require the utility industry to perform an arc hazard analysis to determine the potential exposure to electric arcs on or near energized lines or equipment. They also require employees to wear fire-rated (FR) clothing based on the assessment.

-Ron Haverkost brought up the topic of working in extensible boom lifts (JLG) while over water and the concern of current practices.

Discussion: The committee discussed the benefits and problems of being tied off vs. using personal floatation devices when working in a lift over water. Currently the requirement is 100 percent fall protection.

Ron talked about a discussion he had with Cal-OSHA and their requirements. The committee talked about the many situations that can occur and the need to go beyond knowing the manufacturers recommendations and the need to focus on work site preparations. What is the current practice in the federal jurisdiction?

Action: Dave Parsons to follow-up with JLG on what the industry practice is. Fall protection, lanyard requirements? The committee is also to come back with industry information on industry practice.

➤ **Planning for Agenda for Next Meeting**

JLG working over water and boom lifts – Dave Parsons and Ron Haverkost

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 9 A.M. in Room B at the L & I Building in Salem.